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Report from Cienfuegos.

Acting Assistant Surgeon McMahon reports, February 17, as follows: During the week ended February 13, 1904, bills of health were issued to 2 vessels going to ports in the United States, both in good sanitary condition and no sickness on board.

Mortuary report for the city for the first ten days of February: Malaria, 1; tuberculosis, 4; tetanus, 2; pneumonia, 2; bronchitis, 3; meningitis, 1; other causes, 11. Total, 24.

Report from Habana—Death from yellow fever among crew of wrecked bark Eugen.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Echemendia reports, February 20, as follows: Week ended February 13, 1904:

Vessels inspected and issued bills of health	23
Crews of vessels, outgoing, inspected	961
Passengers of outgoing vessels inspected	637
Pieces of freight passed.....	1,009

Since making the report of the cases of yellow fever on the wrecked Norwegian bark *Eugen*, another member of the crew has died of the disease, making a total of 6 deaths. The vessel originally had a crew of 13 men. I have also to report that Doctor Cespedes, the Cuban quarantine officer at Manzanillo, who was ordered to the key where the vessel was stranded to assist Doctor Giralt, returned to Manzanillo quite sick, and the case has been diagnosed pulmonary emphysema, although some albumin has been found in his urine. He is a Cuban by birth, and from what I can understand attended the university at Habana for some years.

Mortuary report of Habana for week ended February 13, 1904.

Disease.	Number of deaths.
Tuberculosis	17
Bronchitis	5
Pneumonia	4
Meningitis	13
Gangrene	5
Enteritis	4
Measles	2
Scarlet fever	2
Cancer	4
Leprosy	1
Tetanus	1

Total deaths from all causes, 104.

Report from Matanzas—Diphtheria and scarlet fever—Leprosy.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Nuñez reports, February 22, as follows:

During the week ended February 20, 1904, bills of health were issued to nine vessels leaving this port for the United States.

Two cases of leprosy coming from inland towns beyond this district, but within this province, have been reported during the past week. One of them was in a prisoner brought to this city and was detected

in jail by the attendant physician; the other one came to consult one of the local practitioners. Both cases were promptly reported to the local health officer, and orders were immediately issued to lodge them, with all due precautions, in the isolation ward of the civil hospital of this city, where they are at present awaiting new orders to be transferred to the San Lazaro Hospital in Habana, established solely for that purpose.

There have also been reported one case of diphtheria in this city and a new case of scarlet fever at Canasi, the latter originating in the same town. I am informed that the cases of scarlet fever imported from Habana, mentioned in my previous reports, had been wandering about town for some time, probably spreading the contagion, before they were detected and isolated by the local health authorities.

No other cases of that disease have been reported in this city.

Mortuary statistics of the city of Matanzas for the ten days ended February 20, 1904:

	Number of deaths.	Bertillon number.
Tuberculosis.....	9	27
Enteritis, tubercular.....	1	29
Athrepsia	1	105a
Senility	3	154
Hydrocephalus	1	150
Arterio-sclerosis.....	1	81
Nephritis, acute.....	1	119
Albuminuria.....	1	120
Tetanus, infantile.....	1	72
Cardiac affection (unclassified).....	1	79
Debility, congenital.....	2	151
Meningitis	2	61
Wounds by cutting instruments	1	166
Osteo-sarcoma	1	45
Total.....	26

Estimated population, 48,000; annual rate of mortality per 1,000, 19.79.

Reports from Santiago.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Wilson reports, February 16 and 23, as follows:

During the week ended February 13, 1904, bills of health were issued to four vessels bound for the United States.

No quarantinable disease has been reported.

Mortuary report for the week ended February 13, 1904.

Causes of death.	Number.	Bertillon number.
Pernicious fever	1	4
Tubercle of lungs.....	4	27
Vertebral phthisis	1	30
Syphilis, congenital	1	36
Endocarditis	1	78
Organic heart disease	1	79
Pleurisy	1	94
Asthma	1	97
Athrepsia, infantile.....	2	105a
Cholecystitis	1	114
Cyanosis of the new-born	1	152
Ill-defined or unspecified.....	1	179
Total.....	16

Annual rate of mortality for the week, 18.28 per 1,000. Estimated population, 45,500.